

REMARKS

No new matter has been added by the amendments. In general, the amendments are to remove multiple dependencies from claims 3-5, 16 and 18, and to place the claims into a format consistent with U.S. patent practice.

Applicants respectfully request entry of the foregoing amendments to the claims.

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

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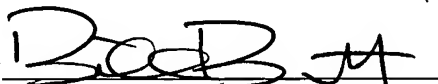
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